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SUBJ: THE SECRETARY'S BILATERAL MEETING WITH FOREIGN
SECRETARY RABASA

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION: FM RABASA (MEXICO);
OCTOBER 4, 1973: 11:15 AM;
35A WALDORF

1. (BEGIN TEXT). THE SECRETARY MET WITH FOREIGN
SECRETARY RABASA FROM 11:15 AM UNTIL SHORTLY AFTER NOON,
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4. AMBASSADORS GARCIA ROBLES AND DE
OLLOQUI WERE ALSO PRESENT ON THE MEXICAN SIDE AND
ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH, WILLIAM JORDEN AND AMBASSADOR
MCCLOSKEY ON THE U.S. SIDE.

2. CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES. AFTER INITIAL
WARM GREETINGS, RABASA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE
SECRETARY'S COMMENTS ON THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS
AND DUTIES IN HIS SEPT. 24 SPEECH BEFORE UNGA. RABASA
SAID HE HAD ALSO DISCUSSED CHARTER WITH A NUMBER OF
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OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES --
INCLUDING, PARTICULARLY FRANCE, UK AND USSR -- AS WELL
AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THIRD WORLD. RABASA FELT THAT

PROSPECTS WERE GOOD FOR SOME KIND OF AGREEMENT BEING REACHED DURING CURRENT UNGA FOR A BROADLY SUPPORTED RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CHARTER. HE SAID THAT GOM WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO SEEK SUCH A UNGA RESOLUTION, WHICH COULD COME WITHIN 4-6 WEEKS. THE SECRETARY REITERATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO EXAMINE CAREFULLY ANY SERIOUS PROPOSALS MADE WITH RESPECT TO THE CHARTER AND INDICATED HIS VIEW THAT MEXICO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION IF THE CHARTER REFLECTED THE TRUE ASPIRATIONS OF ALL NATIONS. SECRETARY MADE CLEAR THAT ANY CHARTER, OR UNGA RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE CHARTER, SHOULD BE A BALANCED DOCUMENT, DEFINING RIGHTS AND DUTIES EQUITABLY AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT CONCERNS OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED AS WELL AS THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. MIGRATORY WORKERS. RABASA MADE A VIGOROUS PLEA FOR THE SECRETARY TO ADDRESS HIMSELF PERSONALLY TO THE VERY IMPORTANT PROBLEM OF MEXICAN MIGRATORY WORKERS. HE SET FORTH THE MAIN LINES OF GOM'S CONCERNS, AND THE SECRETARY ASKED KUBISCH FOR A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM AND MAJOR CONSIDERATIONS FROM US POINT OF VIEW. THE SECRETARY INDICATED HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO GET INTO THE SUBJECT IN DETAIL AT THIS MEETING BUT ASSURED RABASA THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER IT VERY CAREFULLY OVER NEXT TWO MONTHS OR SO, AND HE AGREED TO GIVE RABASA HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION BY THIS COMING JANUARY. RABASA SAID THIS WAS ACCEPTABLE AND HE WOULD AWAIT FURTHER WORD FROM THE SECRETARY.

4. SITUATION IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE. RABASA EXPRESSED DEEP DISTASTE ABOUT RECENT EVENTS IN CHILE AND THE VIOLENT END THERE OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY. PRODUCING MAPS OF THE REGION, HE TICKED OFF ONE BY ONE ALL THE MILITARY OR MILITARY-BASED GOVERNMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA, SAYING THAT ONLY MEXICO, COSTA RICA, VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA AND PERHAPS THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC COULD BE CORRECTLY CHARACTERIZED AS PRACTICING DEMOCRACIES. WHEN
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THE SECRETARY INQUIRED ABOUT ARGENTINA, RABASA SAID HE REALLY DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO EXPLAIN OR EVEN UNDERSTAND ARGENTINA, ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY PERON HAD BEEN ELECTED BY A VERY LARGE MAJORITY OF THE VOTES.

5. ARGENTINA. STAYING WITH ARGENTINA FOR A SHORT FURTHER DISCUSSION, RABASA SAID THAT HE DID NOT INTEND TO ATTEND PERON'S INAUGURATION OCT 12. HE SAID IT WAS ALMOST INSULTING TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHO HAD SENT VERY HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATIONS TO CAMPORA'S INAUGURATION ON MAY 25 TO ASK THEM ONCE AGAIN TO SEND SPECIAL

DELEGATIONS. HE SAID GOM HAD NOT MADE FINAL DECISION AS TO REPRESENTATION BUT THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO GO NOR INTEND TO GO PERSONALLY. THE SECRETARY INDICATED THAT HE ALSO WOULD BE UNABLE TO ATTEND PERSONALLY BUT EXPECTED THAT AN APPROPRIATE HIGH OFFICIAL WOULD REPRESENT USG AT INAUGURATION.

6. US POLICY TOWARDS LATIN AMERICA. THERE WAS A GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ABOUT OVERALL U.S. POLICY TOWARDS LATIN AMERICA AND HOW IT COULD BE IMPROVED. THE SECRETARY INDICATED HIS READINESS TO HEAR AT ANY TIME CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS FROM FONSEC RABASA AND OTHER L.A. FONMINS.

7. THE SECRETARY AND RABASA THEN HAD A SHORT PRIVATE MEETING FOLLOWING WHICH, AS RABASA WAS DEPARTING, KUBISCH TOOK UP BRIEFLY THREE ADDITIONAL POINTS:

A. NARCOTICS. KUBISCH SAID THAT WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR MCBRIDE'S RECENT PRESENTATION ON NARCOTICS. HE INDICATED THE USG PLACES THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE ON OVERCOMING THIS TERRIBLE PROBLEM AND NEEDED CONTINUING AND INCREASING US-MEXICAN COOPERATION IN THE BATTLE.

B. KOREAN QUESTION. KUBISCH SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT MEXICO WOULD SUPPORT OUR RESOLUTION ON THE KOREAN QUESTION AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS SUPPORT. RABASA REPLIED THAT QTE WE ARE GOING ALL THE WAY WITH SOUTH KOREA. UNQTE HE ADDED THAT WHILE
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MEXICO WILL VOTE FOR BOTH KOREAS, THE GOM WOULD REFUSE TO DEAL IN ANY WAY WITH THE NORTH KOREANS, RECALLING THE INCIDENT SEVERAL YEARS AGO INVOLVING MEXICANS WHO HAD RECEIVED GUERRILLA TRAINING IN NORTH KOREA AND WHICH LED GOM TO PNG SEVERAL SOVIET DIPLOMATS BECAUSE OF USSR COMPLICITY.

C. PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS. REFERRING TO WORK OF THE SIXTH (LEGAL) COMMITTEE AT GA, KUBISCH SAID THAT MEXICAN CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE, GONZALEZ GALVEZ, HAS BEEN DOING A SUPERB JOB AND PROVIDING EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP FOR THE COMMITTEE'S WORK. RABASA SEEMED VERY PLEASED TO HEAR THIS COMMENT, RESPONDING THAT GONZALEZ GALVEZ WAS EXCEPTIONALLY ABLE AND ONE DAY WOULD BE A "GARCIA ROBLES" (MEXICAN PERMREP AT UN).
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